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FCC ANNOUNCES AGENDA AND PANELISTS FOR JULY 10, 2013 WORKSHOP ON INMATE CALLING SERVICES

WC Docket No. 12-375

The FCC announces the following agenda and panelists for a July 10, 2013, workshop to examine and analyze policy issues related to Inmate Calling Services (ICS):

Welcome (9:00 AM): **FCC Staff**

Opening Remarks
(9:15 AM): **Acting Chairwoman Mignon Clyburn**

Panel 1 (9:30 AM): **Consumers and Public Policy** – This panel will explore individual and societal impacts of ICS rates, rate reform, and increased contact between incarcerated individuals and their families.

Moderator:

Deena Shetler, Associate Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

Panelists:

Alex Friedmann, Associate Director, Human Rights Defense Center & Managing Editor, Prison Legal News

The Honorable Patrick A. Hope, Member, Virginia House of Delegates

Barry Marano, Case Management Counselor and ADA Coordinator for all Deaf and Hearing Impaired Offenders at the Powhatan Correctional Center (VA)

Cheryl Leanza, President, A Learned Hand, LLC on behalf of United Church of Christ's media justice and communications rights ministry

Talila Lewis, Founder and President, Helping Educate to Advance the Rights of the Deaf (HEARD)

Tim Meade, President and Chief Executive Officer, Millicorp

Charlie Sullivan, Founder, Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE)

Remarks from
Dignitaries
(11:00 AM): **The Honorable Bobby Rush**
 The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton

Lunch Break

Panel 2 (1:00 PM):

State Actions to Reform Inmate Calling Services Rates – This panel will focus on issues addressed by states that have undertaken ICS rate reform. In particular, the panel will explore how rates have been set within those states, what the reform process has been, and how existing contracts and site commissions have been taken into account. The panel will also consider concerns that have arisen with disability-related calling and how states are addressing those challenges.

Moderator:

Commissioner John Burke, Chair, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications & Vermont Public Service Board

Panelists:

Commissioner Anne C. Boyle, Nebraska Public Service Commission
Amalia Deloney, Associate Director, The Center for Media Justice
The Honorable Patrick A. Hope, Member, Virginia House of Delegates
Former Commissioner Jason Marks, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

**Afternoon Remarks
(2:30 PM):**

Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel

Panel 3 (2:40 PM):

Providing Inmate Calling Services – This panel will consider how ICS is evolving to drive efficiencies while providing service responsive to the unique needs of correctional facilities. This panel will explore the costs of providing service, including costs that may apply individually or be shared among facilities as well as how costs vary across type and size of correctional facilities.

Moderator:

Commissioner Anne C. Boyle, Nebraska Public Service Commission

Panelists:

Mitch Lucas, Assistant Sheriff, Charleston County Sheriff's Office (SC) & 1st Vice President, American Jail Association
Lee G. Petro, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
Richard Torgersrud, Chief Executive Officer, Telmate, LLC
Vincent Townsend, President, Pay Tel Communications, Inc.
Peter Wagner, Executive Director, Prison Policy Initiative
Timothy O. Woods, Director of Government Affairs and Contracts, National Sheriffs' Association

**Closing Remarks
(4:00 PM):**

Julie Veach, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

Times listed above are tentative.

Attendance - This workshop is open to the public and will be held in the Commission meeting room, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to allow time to go through our security process.

Webcast/Questions - To view a Webcast of the workshop, go to www.fcc.gov/live on the day of the event. Viewers may submit questions by e-mail to livequestions@fcc.gov or via Twitter @FCC using #InmateCallingRates in the post. In addition, FCC staff will be live Tweeting the event via @FCC.

Website - Updates to the workshop agenda will be available on the workshop's Website at <http://www.fcc.gov/events/workshop-reforming-inmate-calling-services-rates>.

The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will provide audio and/or video coverage of the meeting over the Internet from the FCC's Web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>. Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information. Please allow as much advance notice as possible; last-minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fulfill.

We also take this opportunity to remind the public that presentations to decision-making personnel that go to the merits of the Commission's pending permit-but-disclose proceeding in Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, WC Docket No. 12-375, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 16629 (2012), must comply with the Commission's ex parte rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 et seq. Interested parties are also invited to submit written ex parte presentations in this public docket.

Please note: all public remarks made at the workshop will be transcribed and entered into the record for this proceeding. Thus, it is not necessary for speakers making public remarks at the workshop to submit filings in compliance with the Commission's ex parte rules.

For additional information about the Workshop, please contact Gregory Haledjian of the Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-7440 or gregory.haledjian@fcc.gov. For media inquiries, contact Mark Wigfield, (202) 418-0253, or mark.wigfield@fcc.gov.

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